IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Abraham R. MATTHEWS et al.

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For: DISTRIBUTED VIRTUAL SYSTEM TO

SUPPORT MANAGED, NETWORK-BASED SERVICES (as amended)

Examiner: MANIWANG, Joseph

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendment and to consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.